

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS UNDER ARWSP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total annual funds requirement for providing drinking water in rural areas;
- (b) whether some States have not fully utilized the funds released under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during each of the last three years and thereafter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any plan to accelerate the pace of implementation of the said programme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken to augment the outlay for the Rural drinking water sector and towards effective utilization of the funds released to States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

The Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 177 to be answered on 09.03.2007

(a) Water is a State subject and State Governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, financial assistance and technical support is rendered to the State Governments through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM). State Governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes for the coverage of rural habitations and schools from funds provided under ARWSP. Based on Action Plan submitted by States for coverage of rural habitations with water supply under Bharat Nirman Programme, estimated fund requirement for rural water supply is as below:

(Rs. in crores)
Year Total Centre State

2006-07	10485	5731	4754
2007-08	16192	9632	6560
2008-09	15840	9807	6033
2009-10	17436	10800	6636
2010-11	19160	11860	7300
2011-12	21000	13000	8000

(b) & (c) The State wise unspent balance of funds released to the States under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure.

The main reasons for unspent funds is on account of various factors like lack of planning for timely preparation of projects and approvals by State Governments, delay in submission of complete proposals for second instalment, short working reasons due to extreme climatic conditions in certain parts. Further, the States have not taken commensurate steps to increase absorbing capacity of funds vis-À-vis increased outlays over recent years.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Bharat Nirman programme has been conceived (2005-06) to (2008-09) for coverage of uncovered habitations and to address issues of quality and slipped back habitations for rural drinking water supply.

The States have been advised to adopt the following strategy to achieve the targets of Bharat Nirman:
Providing rainwater harvesting structures

Reviving traditional sources
 # Judicious use of ground and surface sources for tackling drinking water problems
 # Supplementing with new schemes for habitations served by outlived schemes
 # Rejuvenation of outlived schemes which are functioning below their rated capacity
 # Providing regional schemes for alternate safe source by extending new pipelines
 # Source strengthening measures
 # Convergence of efforts of relevant Departments in watershed development
 # Providing water supply from alternate sources for coverage of habitations with no safe source
 # Utilizing low cost technology/ treatment technology for mitigation of quality affected habitations.
 # Institutionalization of community participation in water quality monitoring.

(f) The outlay for the sector has been enhanced by 25% in the current year. With a view to promote effective utilization of funds, there is emphasis on strengthening of monitoring mechanism for review of physical and financial progress of the States through meetings, periodic reporting, independent evaluation and fiscal disciplinary measures. Besides, states are being encouraged to promote community participation in planning, operation and maintenance of water supply schemes and involvement of PRIs in the sector.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 177 for reply on 09.03.2007

UNSPENT BALANCE UNDER ARWSP (Normal+ Natural Calamities + DDP) DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No. States/UTs 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07#

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0.00	0.00	9044.29	10857.70
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	820.94	0.00	156.38	7579.07
3	ASSAM	2304.06	3344.78	7282.01	9146.98
4	BIHAR	1562.69	4574.30	12943.39	13946.07
5	CHHATTISGARH	0.00	702.60	2984.54	4907.09
6	GOA	551.33	0.00	86.37	115.71
7	GUJARAT	0.43	0.00	118.53	6192.49
8	HARYANA	0.00	0.00	1581.26	664.13
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	87.48	231.31	215.01	6447.35
10	J & K	4576.53	3342.94	8735.47	20303.61
11	JHARKHAND	793.46	1817.45	4203.49	5859.32
12	KARNATAKA	68.31	909.59	930.53	15480.90
13	KERALA	0.00	0.00	1255.95	3753.71
14	MADHYA PRADESH	0.00	1267.05	823.20	14354.84
15	MAHARASHTRA	3880.42	675.52	1625.00	19120.80
16	MANIPUR	747.87	367.37	2235.77	2892.27
17	MEGHALAYA	1120.85	780.83	727.09	2075.71
18	MIZORAM	0.00	0.00	110.40	2164.04
19	NAGALAND	171.95	290.87	1291.58	1358.08
20	ORISSA	0.00	1419.37	6397.75	5908.77
21	PUNJAB	0.00	147.71	527.61	2946.76
22	RAJASTHAN	520.05	7670.70	21701.06	22484.63
23	SIKKIM	14.12	0.00	162.12	781.62
24	TAMILNADU	0.00	936.06	3615.10	6294.13
25	TRIPURA	1024.41	530.26	474.74	1225.25
26	UTTAR PRADESH	2562.92	3656.39	13894.48	17194.70
27	UTTARANCHAL	969.84	273.41	1299.42	5029.30
28	WEST BENGAL	1016.09	731.22	1571.47	11541.64
29	A&N ISLANDS	4.40	1802.95	3550.46	3550.46
30	D&N HAVELI	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
34	PONDICHERRY	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Total	22798.60	35573.13	109644.92	224277.58

Based on release made and expenditure reported till 28-2-2007.